



## Bobby Gene Smith

May 10, 1935 - November 8, 2012

Born in Limestone County, Alabama in 1935 to parents Tom and Roma Smith, Bobby was raised on a farm with his brother, Alvie and sisters Lynda and Jewel. He entered the US Navy in 1954 and served in the Korean Conflict aboard the aircraft carrier USS Shangri-La. He married Ramona Sanderson in 1957, and their only child, Jeff was born in 1958. He had a lifelong appreciation for music, and began playing in local bands in the mid-60s. During this time, he ran a family store near Harvest. After selling the store, he worked at Redstone Arsenal. He acquired a large farm in 1972 and the family moved to Petersburg, TN. During this time, he worked full time at Redstone Arsenal, farmed and played in a local popular band. The family moved to Harvest, AL in 1979. He and Ramona helped raise two grandchildren, Jamie (1978) and Jana (1980). Upon retirement from Redstone Arsenal, he continued to farm and played in many local bands right up until the time he became ill and no longer had the strength. Throughout life, he worked hard and earned a measure of respect from peers for his integrity, honesty, and dedication to whatever endeavor he pursued. He always put family first, and will forever be missed. He is survived by his wife, Ramona Smith; son, Jeff Smith and wife Elizabeth; sisters, Jewel Smith and Lynda Locke; grandchildren, Jana Rucker and husband John, Jamie Eslick and husband Scott and Michael Beaver; great-grandchildren, Alisha Rucker, Dana Rucker, Ella Rucker, Jack Eslick and Wyatt Eslick; special friend, Philip Locke. He was preceded in death by his parent and brother Alvie Smith. Graveside services

Monday, November 12, 2012 2:00 p.m. at Huntsville Memory Gardens.  
Visitation is Sunday, November 11, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at  
Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. Burial in Huntsville Memory Gardens with  
Lynda Locke officiating. In lieu of flowers make donations to North Alabama  
Hospice in Madison County.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ramona, Me and Penny will be praying for you and your family. We are so sorry to hear of Bobby's passing. I always enjoyed being around him at work. He was such a gentleman. He will be missed. Your friend forever, Phyllis*

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**Phyllis Kindred** - November 11, 2012 at 04:09 PM

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“ *I love you DB*

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**Ella Rucker** - November 11, 2012 at 01:37 PM

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“ *We will miss Bob he was a great friend and cousin. So sorry for all the family.*

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**Allen & Sherry Yarbrough** - November 11, 2012 at 11:31 AM